

Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission

2008

The Year In Review



Morning workout at Delaware Park, April, 2008

<http://dda.delaware.gov/thoroughbred/index.shtml>



Dear Racing Fan,

It is my pleasure to present the following yearly report on the activities of the Commission for calendar year 2008. The horse racing industry continues to change and face challenges of maintaining public confidence through wagering security and equine forensic drug testing. The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission continues their commitment to ensure that racing is fair and honest. The Commission progressively planned and later implemented a ban on the use of anabolic and androgenic steroids at the start of the 2008 racing season and made notice of such to the industry as early as December, 2007.

As with past years, 2008 was no different with increased competition from neighboring states for horses, but now with Maryland being the next state to add video lottery terminals joining Pennsylvania, Delaware will find itself surrounded on all borders vying for the same entertainment dollars. The Commission continues to be supportive to the growth of horse racing by giving the Delaware Racing and Delaware Horsemen Associations tools which can be utilized to maintain their competitiveness. A committed approach by Delaware Park to make improvements to the patron and stable areas enhances the image of the track making it one of the most picturesque facilities in America. At this writing, the 2009 racing dates have been approved by the DTRC which will see a reduction in live racing days to 116. The theory behind this is that “less is more” and looking forward, the adjusted schedule will assist the Racing Association in being able to card full fields of horses while maintaining a respectable purse distribution continuing to attract premium horses.

2008 saw the development of several horses that may become bigger stars during 2009. One such horse is “OLD FASHIONED” who won his first two races at Delaware Park before winning the 2008 REMSEN STAKES at Aqueduct. This now undefeated three-year old, should be one to watch in the upcoming classic races this spring. A returning star during 2008, “PROUD SPELL” won the Eclipse Award for three-year old filly of the year with graded stakes wins at Delaware Park, Kentucky, and Saratoga.

Making horseracing an event continues to be a major focus for continued health in the sport. The racing participants, including horsemen, track management, and commission have to be good-will ambassadors for the sport and encourage good racing events, fair play, and entertainment for the fans.

Sincerely,

*John F. Wayne
DTRC Executive Director*



Thoroughbred Racing Commission

Mission Statement

The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission regulates and oversees the sport of Thoroughbred and Arabian racing in the state. Its primary objectives and principles are to protect, preserve, and promote agriculture and horse racing through effective and efficient efforts to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices; ensure fairness in decisions affecting licensees and patrons; ensure due process in administrative proceedings; be attentive to the public and licensees and provide information concerning the industry and commission operations. The commission is also responsible for ensuring that the state and the betting public receive their fair percentages of the wagering dollar by overseeing periodic accounting audits.



Synopsis of 2008 Activities

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“PROUD SPELL” Winner of the 2008 Delaware Oaks and Eclipse Award for Champion Three-year old Filly



Delaware Department of Agriculture 2008-2009

Michael T. Scuse
Secretary of Agriculture through October, 2008

E. Austin Short
Acting Secretary of Agriculture
November – December, 2008

W. Edwin Kee
Secretary of Agriculture
January, 2009



Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission

Bernard J. Daney, Chairman

W. Duncan Patterson, Secretary – Commissioner

Henry J. Decker, Commissioner

Debbie Killeen, Commissioner

Edward J. Stegemeier, Commissioner

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John F. Wayne, Executive Director

Shelley M. Perkins, Paralegal

Andrew Kerber, Esquire, Commission Counsel



Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission

Staff - Continued

G. Jack Houghton, Chief State Steward

Frederick L. Burkhardt, Associate State Steward

Dennis Lima, Associate State Steward



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John T. Peters, DVM Supervising Commission Veterinarian

Kathleen Picciano, DVM Associate Commission Veterinarian

Jane Teichner, VMD Associate Commission Veterinarian

Tanis Macdonald, DVM Associate Commission Veterinarian



Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission

Francis J. Swift, Inspector

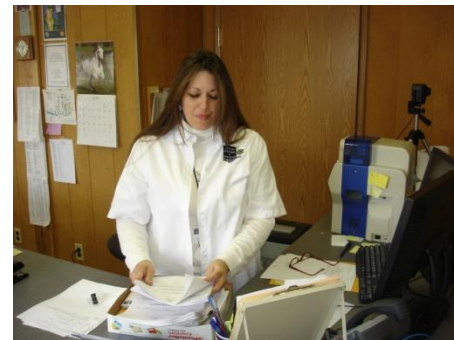
Jose Bazan, License Inspector

Ruth Lee, License Inspector

Amy M. Miller, License Inspector

Geraldine Wilson, License Inspector

Barry Lee, Blood-Gas Inspector/Technician



Collection of Equine Samples for Testing



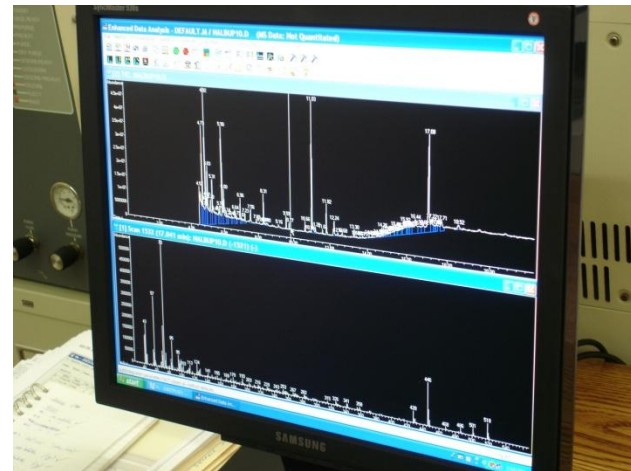
DTRC Budget FY 2008

* Personnel	\$877,800.00
Travel	\$35,000.00
Contractual	\$99,400.00
Supplies	\$18,100.00
Capital	\$78,500.00
Fingerprints	\$76,000.00
*Equine Drug Testing	\$330,500.00
Research & Development	\$150,000.00
Total	\$1,665,300.00



* All funding for the DTRC comes from the Appropriated Special Fund (ASF) derived from licensing fees and fines. Costs of regulation (Stewards, Veterinarians Salaries, and 100% costs of equine drug testing are borne by the Delaware Racing Association – Delaware Park). No general fund money is used in the operation of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission.

Equine Forensic Drug Testing Laboratory Equipment



Quantum Data Center Inspection by Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission



Several Inspections were made during 2008 at the Scientific Games Quantum Data Center in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Security, operational and wagering procedures were checked prior to Delaware Park's live racing season.



DTRC Revenue Activity

Calendar Year	Licenses Issued	License Fees	Fines collected	Total
2008	5,457	\$213,990.00	\$46,022.00	\$260,012.00
2007	5,800	\$216,090.00	\$56,147.50	\$272,237.50
2006	6,272	\$261,510.00	\$40,280.00	\$301,790.00
2005	4,954	\$188,270.00	\$35,525.00	\$223,795.00
2004	5,005	\$206,534.00	\$23,025.00	\$229,559.00
2003	5,148	\$238,375.00	\$13,600.00	\$251,975.00
2002	4,998	\$233,455.00	\$8,857.00	\$242,312.00

Purse Distribution Trends

1994 - 2008

Year	Live Race Days	Delaware Racing Association - Purses Paid				Average Arabian/Day	Average Purse/Day
		Thoroughbred	Arabian	Total Purses	Average T'bred/Day		
2008	136	\$ 33,029,292.00	\$ 1,800,163.00	\$ 34,829,455.00	\$ 242,862.44	\$ 13,236.49	\$ 256,098.93
2007	137 (135)	\$ 36,316,497.19	\$ 1,843,663.00	\$ 38,160,160.19	\$ 269,011.09	\$ 13,656.76	\$ 282,667.11
2006	136	\$ 34,015,629.00	\$ 1,855,690.00	\$ 35,871,319.00	\$ 250,114.92	\$ 13,644.78	\$ 263,759.70
2005	139	\$ 37,689,765.00	\$ 1,919,550.00	\$ 39,609,315.00	\$ 271,149.39	\$ 13,809.71	\$ 284,959.10
2004	134	\$ 33,909,303.00	\$ 1,948,800.00	\$ 35,858,103.00	\$ 253,054.50	\$ 14,543.28	\$ 267,597.78
2003	141	\$ 32,879,917.00	\$ 1,996,310.00	\$ 34,876,227.00	\$ 233,190.90	\$ 14,158.23	\$ 247,349.13
2002	141	\$ 40,846,211.00	\$ 1,643,050.00	\$ 42,489,261.00	\$ 289,689.44	\$ 11,652.84	\$ 301,342.28
2001	139	\$ 35,283,541.00	\$ 1,602,350.00	\$ 36,885,891.00	\$ 253,838.42	\$ 11,527.70	\$ 265,366.12
2000	149	\$ 36,478,964.00	\$ 1,529,950.00	\$ 38,008,914.00	\$ 244,825.26	\$ 10,268.12	\$ 255,093.38
1999	143	\$ 33,129,264.00	\$ 1,911,785.00	\$ 35,041,049.00	\$ 231,673.17	\$ 13,369.13	\$ 245,042.30
1998	143	\$ 27,377,338.00	\$ 1,344,467.00	\$ 28,721,805.00	\$ 191,449.92	\$ 9,401.87	\$ 200,851.78
1997	149	\$ 26,115,489.00	\$ 1,347,659.00	\$ 27,463,148.00	\$ 175,271.74	\$ 9,044.69	\$ 184,316.43
1996	139	\$ 20,922,178.00	\$ 810,300.00	\$ 21,732,478.00	\$ 150,519.27	\$ 5,829.50	\$ 156,348.76
1995	129	\$ 10,041,651.00	\$ 350,500.00	\$ 10,392,151.00	\$ 77,842.26	\$ 2,717.05	\$ 80,559.31
1994	135	\$ 7,639,238.00	\$ 277,503.00	\$ 7,916,741.00	\$ 56,586.95	\$ 2,055.58	\$ 58,642.53



Wagering Trends

Delaware Racing Association Handle Information				
1993 to 2008				
Year	Live Handle on track	Simulcast De. Pk out	Simulcast In (other tracks)	Total
2008	\$ 11,915,673.00	\$ 153,917,895.00	\$ 55,184,297.00	\$ 221,017,866.00
2007	\$ 14,419,478.00	\$ 198,360,276.00	\$ 62,116,689.00	\$ 274,896,443.00
2006	\$ 17,167,868.00	\$ 211,195,699.00	\$ 69,059,698.00	\$ 297,423,265.00
2005	\$ 18,569,775.00	\$ 216,709,900.00	\$ 70,388,340.00	\$ 305,668,015.00
2004	\$ 18,233,483.00	\$ 230,272,674.00	\$ 72,348,635.00	\$ 320,854,792.00
2003	\$ 19,671,990.00	\$ 252,378,766.00	\$ 78,743,432.00	\$ 350,794,188.00
2002	\$ 22,228,588.00	\$ 260,456,580.00	\$ 88,889,344.00	\$ 371,584,512.00
2001	\$ 22,965,700.00	\$ 259,539,722.00	\$ 94,534,804.00	\$ 377,040,226.00
2000	\$ 25,455,446.00	\$ 264,338,726.00	\$ 94,421,101.00	\$ 384,215,273.00
1999	\$ 26,313,188.00	\$ 254,768,865.00	\$ 91,778,412.00	\$ 372,860,465.00
1998	\$ 25,012,926.00	\$ 205,023,148.00	\$ 89,635,910.00	\$ 319,671,984.00
1997	\$ 30,379,849.00	\$ 177,445,871.00	\$ 92,931,297.00	\$ 300,757,017.00
1996	\$ 28,442,006.00	\$ 107,368,067.00	\$ 97,200,658.00	\$ 233,010,731.00
1995	\$ 27,251,269.00	\$ 64,589,960.00	\$ 88,014,756.00	\$ 179,855,985.00
1994	\$ 35,610,116.00	\$ 21,422,110.00	\$ 59,612,946.00	\$ 116,646,172.00
1993	\$ 46,305,350.00	0	\$ 46,244,189.00	\$ 92,549,539.00

Commission Objectives

calendar years

Objectives	2007	2008	2009	2010
Accreditation of Stewards	100%	100%	100%	100%
Oversight of Racing Events (Races)	100%	100%	100%	100%
Equine Samples Tested	>1,900	> 1,900	>1,900	> 1,900
Applicants Licensed by DTRC	5,800	5,457	>5,000	>5,000

Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program

information provided by Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association

Year	# of Starters	# of Starts	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	20% DCTP Earnings	20% Certifier Awards	Total Annual Awards
2008*	210	690	94	82	109	\$367,963.60	\$433,265.20	\$801,229.00
2007*	271	608	90	87	102	\$331,809.46	\$355,609.46	\$687,418.92
2006*	139	476	68	61	72	\$201,286.80	214,936.80	416,223.60
2005*	99	366	52	49	53	\$179,690.00	\$193,340.00	\$373,030.00
2004*	56	134	20	19	19	\$44,947.00	\$44,947.00	\$89,894.00
2003*	9	17	7	3	2	\$13,505.00	\$13,505.00	\$27,010.00



* DCTP owners and certifiers received 10% each bonuses in 2003 and 2004

* DCTP owners and certifiers received 15% each bonuses in 2005 through May, 2008

* DCTP owners and certifiers received 20% each bonuses beginning June 1, 2008



2008 Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program

additional statistics



DCTP Horses of Racing Age 1,205



300 two-year olds



293 three-year olds



226 four-year olds



386 older horses



Current Delaware Farms enrolled: 74



Total applications to date: 1,527



The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission is a proud member of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI)



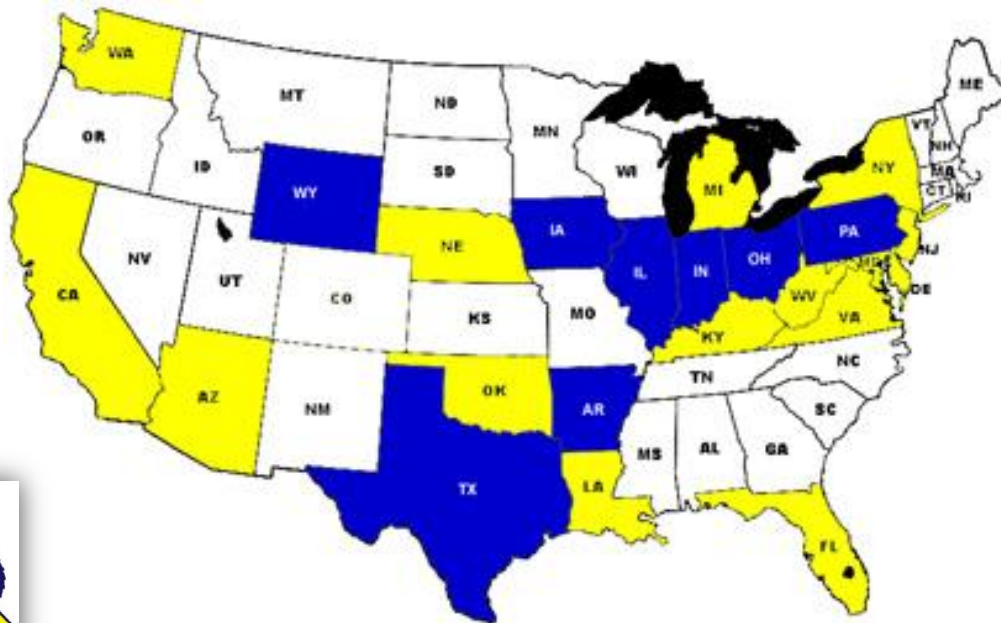
Ed Martin, ARCI President



2008 National Convention, Austin, Texas



- The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission is a member of the National Racing Compact.
- The “National License” was developed to streamline the licensing and fingerprinting process. It is known as racing’s “E-Z Pass.”



Commission Committees



Bernard J. Daney,
Chairman Emeritus, ARCI, Board Member
Secretary Treasurer – National Racing Compact

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W. Duncan Patterson

Chairman, Drug Testing Standards and Practices and ARCI Board of Directors

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Edward J. Stegemeier

Chairman

Delaware Jockeys Health and Welfare Benefit Board

Chairman

Delaware Commissions Equine Forensic Drug Testing Committee

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John F. Wayne

Vice Chairman, Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee

Member, ARCI Model Rules Committee

Chairman, Sub-Committee, Padded Riding Crop Committee

Chairman, National Racing Compact, Application Review Committee

Alternate Delegate, National Racing Compact

Chairman, Nomination Committee, National Racing Compact



2008 Racing Dates and Information

Delaware Park: Live Racing Dates 136

April 19 through November 11, 2008

Simulcasting: 363 days, 7 days a week

Closed Easter and Christmas



"HYSTERICALADY" DEL CAP WINNER



"WHEELS UP AT NOON" CAESAR RODNEY WINNER

The horn section: Richard Garrick
playing "Call to the Post"



Simulcasting at Delaware Park

Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission and Racing Officials Accreditation Program



**Stewards and Judges Accreditation Class at
Delaware Park, February, 2008**



**Review of racing films by John Burke, Maryland
Racing Commission Steward
September, 2008**

The DTRC has been coordinating regular meetings at Delaware Park and in accordance with the “Points of Emphasis” established under the Racing Officials Accreditation Program (R.O.A.P.) Accredited Stewards and or Judges have attended a formal curriculum at either the University of Louisville or University of Arizona. They can receive “continuing education” credits by attending the Delaware meetings. Meetings have been well attended making Delaware an educational hub of sorts for racing officials.

Spring Time at Delaware Park



Living Accommodations for Backside Workers at Delaware Park



Bunkhouse project – February, 2008



Preparing bunkhouses for workers arriving in Spring



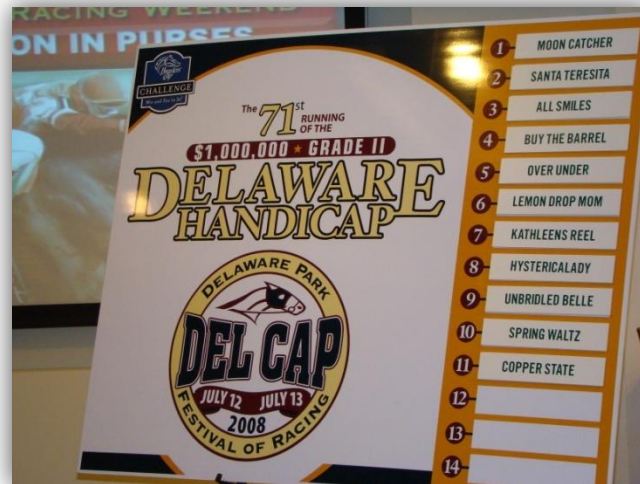
Delaware Park Personalities



William I. Fasy, Chief Operating Officer
"Welcome to the 2008 Delaware Handicap
Post Position Draw"



John Mooney, Delaware Park Executive
Director of Racing, announces Delaware
Handicap field of horses



The field for the 2008, \$1,000,000.00 Del Cap

\$1,000,000.00 Delaware Handicap Winner



“HYSTERICALADY”
Trainer: Jerry Hollendorfer
Jockey: Garrett Gomez

\$500,000.00 Grade II, DELAWARE OAKS



“PROUD SPELL,” Winner
Owner: Brereton C. Jones (not in photo)
Trainer: J. Larry Jones
Assistant Trainer: Cindy Jones
Jockey: Gabriel Saez

DELAWARE OAKS TROPHY PRESENTATION



**Trophy presented by Chairman Daney to winning trainer, J. Larry Jones,
Jockey, Gabriel Saez, and Assistant Trainer, Cindy Jones**

Delaware Park Stars



“MAGICAL FOREST” # 2 , WINNER, BARBARO STAKES



“UNBRIDLED BELLE” Winner, OBEAH STAKES



**THE BUDWEISEER CLYDESDALES
“SHOW-TIME”**



“ON THE TRACK”

“ROSES AT THE FINISH”



\$200,000.00 CAESAR RODNEY STAKES



**“WHEELS UP AT NOON,” Winner, 2009 CAESAR RODNEY STAKES
Ridden by Jockey, Javier Castellano, Trained by Paul Fout**

LIGHT HEARTED STAKES
\$100,000.00



“SMART AND FANCY”

Trainer: Anthony W. Dutrow

Jockey: Ramon Dominguez

THE \$300,000.00, Grade III BARBARO STAKES



“MAGICAL FOREST”
Trainer: Joseph DeMola
Jockey: Jorge Chavez

Delaware Park Stars



KENT BREEDER'S CUP JOCKEYS August 30, 2008

Left to right front row seated: Gabriel Saez, Kent Desormeaux, Travis Dunkleberger

Back row: Stewart Elliott, Joe Rocco Jr., Ramon Dominguez, Shaun Bridgmohan, Jose Caraballo, Javier Castellano, Tim Thornton

The \$300,000.00, GRADE III KENT BREEDER'S CUP



**“ADRIANO” # 7, with Kent Desormeaux up, wins the KENT BREEDER’S CUP
Trained by William Mott**

Delaware Park Gallery



VIDEO WALL IN RACE BOOK



**W. Duncan and Beasie Patterson flank Rick Porter, Fox Hill Farms
“HARD SPUN,” “EIGHT BELLES,” “OLD FASHIONED”**



Michael Scuse and DTRC Chairman, Bernard J. Daney



**Lt. Governor, John Carney in the paddock
with Mr. Mrs. Daney, Mr. Mrs. Decker**

Delaware Park Gallery



**Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Attorney General Beau Biden,
Bernard and Arlene Daney**



**Commissioner, Edward J. Stegemeier and DTRC
Executive Director, John F. Wayne**



DTRC dedicates Equicizer to Delaware Jockeys

Delaware Park Gallery



Paddock Flowers



Rosemary Homeister Jr. on her way to 2,000 Wins

2008 Delaware Park Leaders



**Leading Jockey, Ramon Dominguez receiving
congratulations from Chairman Bernard J. Daney
416 Mounts, 133 Wins, 73 Second, 69 Third,
Total Purse Money Won: \$3,654,065.00**



**Leading Trainer, Scott Lake,
311 Starts 84 Wins, 74 Second, 42 Third
Total Purse Money Won: \$1,725,843.00**

Photo courtesy of Delaware Park

Nutrient Management = Environmental Friendly



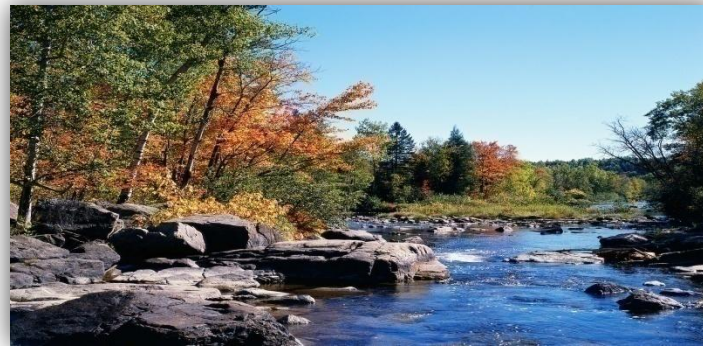
Covered Manure Collection areas to prevent water contamination



Wash stations located throughout the stable area and connected to sanitary sewers for clean water compliance



Timely collection of material for removal from grounds and use by Mushroom growers



Employing Best Management Practices to ensure environmental compliance with Clean Water Protection Act

Delaware Park Senior Executive Officers

William M. Rickman Jr. President and Chief Executive Officer

William I. Fasy, Chief Operating Officer

Andrew Gentile, Chief of Staff and General Manager

John Mooney, Executive Director of Racing

Greg Petkiewicz, Senior Vice President of Race Track Operations

Joe Rudisill, Senior Vice-President of Compliance-Administration

Ray Spera, Senior Vice-President of Marketing

Christer Farr, Senior Vice-President of Communications and Technology

Nancy Myshko, Senior Vice-President Human Resources and Administration

Dawn Casale, Vice-President Surveillance

Kevin DeLucia, Vice President Finance

Austin Fiore, Vice-President of Purchasing

Andy Gomeringer, Vice-President Marketing

Timothy Kozenskie, Vice-President of Food and Beverage

Terry Smith, Vice-President Slot Operations

Lisa Smith, Vice-President of Communications and Technology

Michael Vild, Esquire, Vice President Counsel-Administration

Acknowledgements



Delaware Certified Statistics: DTHA

Delaware Park Race Track, Slots, and Golf

Assorted photos by Francis J. Swift and John F. Wayne

